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HOUSE FILE 18

By OAKLEY

House File 18
Judiciary
Doderer, Chairman
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Kelly

Passed House, Date 1-30-75 (145) Passed Senate, Date 5-28-75 (1605)
Vote: Ayes 66 Nays 26 Vote: Ayes 39 Nays 9
Approved 6-6-75

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to expert witness fees.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section six hundred twenty-two point seventy-
2 two (622.72), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 622.72 EXPERT WITNESSES--FEE. Witnesses called to testify
4 only to an opinion founded on special study or experience
5 in any branch of science, or to make scientific or professional
6 examinations and state the result thereof, shall receive
7 additional compensation, to be fixed by the court, with
8 reference to the value of the time employed and the degree
9 of learning or skill required; but such additional compensation
10 shall not exceed four one hundred fifty dollars per day while
11 so employed.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill provides for increasing the maximum allowable
14 expert witness fee from the present \$4 to \$150. Section
15 622.69 provides the basic \$3 witness fee. Witness fees can
16 be taxed as costs against the losing party to a suit. See
17 sections 625.1 and 625.14.

S-3918

1 Amend House File 18, page 1, line 10, by striking
2 the words "one hundred".

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MAY 23, 1975

BY RICHARD R. RAMSEY

FISCAL NOTE
HOUSE FILE 18

Date prepared January 16, 1975
Requested by Representative Oakley.
Prepared in regard to House File 18 - An Act relating to
expert witness fees. Following is the fiscal effect in dollars
of the legislative proposal as required by Joint Rule 16.
House File 18 would increase the maximum allowable expert
witness fee from the present \$4 to \$150.
At this time statistics are not available on which to base
an estimate.

Filed
January 27, 1975

GERRY D. RANKIN
Legislative Fiscal Director

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DALE M. COCHRAN
Speaker of the House

ARTHUR A. NEU
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 18, Sixty-sixth General Assembly.

DAVID L. WRAY
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 6/6, 1975

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor